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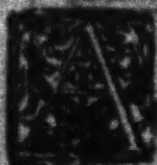
the Session of this present Parli-  
amente, holden upon prorogacion at  
Westminster, the xiii. day of Febr-  
uarie, in the xiii. yere of the reigne  
of our moste noble sovereigne  
to be longe Henry the eighth,  
and there continued and kept  
till the .viij. day of April  
then next ensuinge, to  
the honour of god and  
holy church, and to  
the common  
benefite of  
this  
kingdome.



Londini in aedibus Thomae Berthe-  
leti Regii impressoris  
Excus.

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Or as muche as great multitude of hydes and tanned leather is utterly, insufficiently, and deceivably tanned, coriyned, and brought within this realme, and muche more exceeding in the prices than have bene at any tyme heretofore, by reason wherof the hynges poore subiectes bee greatlye hyndred and decayed, and fewe of them can go or yde bye either in shoes or bootes, nor have any good or strong horse charnes of leather, ne any endeweinge saddelles, manicles, or boudgettes, ne any other thynges made of tanned leather, to their great damage, losse, and hinderaunce. And notwithstandinge divers good statutes have bene made for the true coriynge and tanninge of leather, and searche of the same: yet nevertheless the tanners daylye sell their leather in their owne dwellinge houses, or in their secrete places and howses out of the common fayres or markettes: by reason wherof the same leather is unsearched, & for the most parte wroughte in the necessaries amonge the hynges poore subiectes, to their great damage. For reformation wherof be it enacted by the hynges our soveraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled and by auctorite of the same, that all and singuler estatutes here tofore made concerninge the tanners and coriyners, and coriynners, and euery of them, their misteries and occupacions, and the misteries and occupacions of euery of them, standinge in force and not repelled nor expired, shall be and stonde in their full strengthe, force, and effecte, accordyng to the tenours and purportes of the same.

And to the intente that due and plaine searche maye be had of tanned leather before it be putte to sale, Be it enacted, that no personne or persons, from the feast of Saincte Michell the archangell, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god .m. d. xxiii. shall put any tanned leather to sale, within the citee of London, nor within thye miles compass of the same, vnilesse it be broughte into open markette at Leden hall in London, or els in any the fayres holden within the saide citee, or elles where withoute the said citee, within the saide thye miles compass: and there be searched and marked by such that haue the searche therof, as hath bene accustomed, by paine of forsaite the value of euery hyde or parcell of leather, tanned and solde after the saide feast, contrarye to this acte. Nor that any personne or personnes, vppon like paine put any tanned leather to sale, out of the sayde markette of Leden hall, and out of the sayde hepe within the said citee, and thye miles compass therof, in any other place or places of this realme but onely in open fayres or markettes, holden and hepte with in any parte of this realme: the one halfe of such forsaiture, if it be with in the citee of London, or within thye miles compass therof, to be to the

kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other half thereof to the wardens of the felowshipp of the cordwainers within the same cite, or to the wardens of the felowshipp of the saddellors, gyrdelers, coopers, or any other of the kynges subiectes in the saide cite, that is to saye, to such of the sayde wardens or kynges subiectes, that shall first sue for the same, by action of dette, byll, plainte or informacion, in any of the kynges courtes, in which case no essopne, protection, ne wager of law shall be admitted. And if the saide forfeiture happen to be out of the saide cite, and out of the saide thre myles compass, then chone master of such penaltie to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and thother moite thereof to the Wardens, Sherrifes, bayliffes of cities boroughes and townes corporate, and lordes of fees, within whose iurisdiction or auctorite any such forfeiture shall happen to be recovered by lyke action & suite, and after lyke manner as is abovesaide. And for lacke of so doinge, that then it shall be lawful for any of the kynges subiectes to have power and auctorite in the suppressing thereof. And where it is commonly vsed, that a print, seale, or marke should be sette and put by the searchers of tanned leather, or by suche as take upon them the search or sealpryng of the same, vpon every hyde well and sufficiently tanned, before the sealyng thereof, to the intente that the goodnesse thereof, by the same should be knowen to the buyers thereof. Which markes or prints, for corruption and lucre, is commonly sette and put by suche as take vpon them the searche and sealpryng, as well vpon leather insufficiently tanned, as vpon leather well tanned, to the great deceite of the buyers thereof: Be it enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that every such performe and persones, takinge vpon him or them the searche markpryng or sealpryng of any such tanned leather, whiche do putte or sette any marke seale or printe vpon any hyde or piece of leather, nor bringe well and sufficiently tanned, shall lose and forfeite, iii. s. iii. d. for every hyde or piece of leather that he or they shall so make, seale, or put any print vpon, not being sufficiently tanned: The one halfe of whiche forfeiture to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, & the other moite thereof to such as will sue for the same by originall writte of dette, byll, plainte, or informacion. In which action or suite no wager of lawe, essopne, or protection shall be allowed or admitted.

¶ And all be it, it is ordeyned and enacted by the statute made in the third yere of our soueraigne lord kyng Henry the. viii. that the wardens and felowshipp of the craft of coriers within the said cite of London and their successours, or their sufficient deputies or deputies, should haue the search of tanned leather, within the saide cite and the suburbs of the same, and in other places next adioyninge, expressed in the said acte, as by the same acte more at large is declared: yet neuerthelesse in other cities, boroughes townes corporate, markettes, and sayres, there be no searchers appointed, by reason wherof no person will put any diligence to the same, unless some auctorite may be geuen in that behalfe.



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It is therefore enacted by authority of this present parliament, that the same Acte made in this behalf, in the year of our sayde soueraigne lordes conceyning the searche of tanned leather within the shire of London, and other places expressed in the same Acte, shal lyll stand and abide in full strength and virtue, with all and singular the provisions thereunto annexed.

And over that be it enacted, that all Mayors, Sherriffes, Bailiffs, and other chiefe governours of other cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and lordes of sayres and markets, within their liberties, franchises, jurisdiction, and auctorities, and every of them, shal from hence forth the best power and auctorite, to name and appointe two such of the craftes of cordwainers or cobbler, or one of the one craft, and another of the other craft, as they shal thinke most convenient and experte in the said occupations, to viewe and seeke all tanned leathers brought to be sold, to any markettes or sayres, kepte within any liberties, franchises, jurisdiction, or auctorities, and to make seche thereof truly and duly, without favour, affection, or corruption. And where as none of the sayde two craftes be inhabited, that then it shal be lesfull to the lordes, Mayors, or other officers, as is aforesayde, to electe and appointe suche other of the kynges subiectes, as be moste experte in knowlage of tanned leather: And suche as they shal fynde sufficiente, to put a marke or a poynthe thereunto.

And that no person or personnes, shal put any tanned leather to sale, in any sayre or market, before it be viewed, seched, and marked, upon paine to lose and forfeite for every hyde of tanned leather, put to sale contrary to this Acte, &c. D.

And it is also enacted, that as well the moyses of the sayde forfeiture, as the moyses of all forfeitures and penalties made or limited by any other statute or statutes, heretofore made for or concerning tanned leather, shal be to the king our soueraigne lord: and the other moyses thereof to be to the mayors, Sherriffes, Bailiffs, or other chiefe governours of such cities, boroughes, or townes corporate, and to the lordes of the sayres or markettes, or any other the kynges subiectes, within whose jurisdictions suche cause of forfeiture, or penalties shal be founden, that is to saye, to suche of them as shal lease or sue for the same, if they take their suite for suche forfeiture within fyve monethes nexte after suche forfeiture shal happen: And if they do not, then to be to suche of the kynges subiectes, that wyl sue for the same. And every such person and personnes, as shal be intitled to have such forfeiture shal have an action of det for the same. So that they commence and take their suite or action within halfe a yere nexte after the sayde fyve monethes, by writte, bill, plainte, or information, in which action or suite no wages of lawe, essoynt, protection, or privilege shal be allowed.

And all be it that leather be well and sufficiently tanned, yet never thelesse the cobbler, for their owne singular lucre and advantage, so corrupt,

the sayde lether, with water and other subtyll wayes and meanes, that it is very vncomptable for the exercise of the kynges iustices: It is therefore enacted, that every corper, shall well and sufficiently corie and blacke the sayde lether tanned, as well the lether of other, to hym broughte to be corred, as his owne lether, exercisinge in his sayde millerie of coringe tablorie and suche other thynges, as to and for the trefe and full conserue of lether apperteyneth, without fraude or deceyte, and not craftily to broune or sparke the sayde lether, ne be insufficient stoke of tallowe or oyle, vpon payne to lose and forsaite for euery hyde or peece of lether, that any corper shall craftily, deceytfully, or insufficiently corie contrary to this acte, iii. s. iiii. d. The one halfe of whiche forsaiteure to bee to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other halfe to suche as shall fynde the defaulte. And such as shall be entytled to the sayde forsaiteure, shall haue an action of dette for the same by wytte, byll, playnte, or information in any of the kynges courttes: In whiche action or suite none esloine, protection, priuilege, nor waier of lawe shall be allowed or admitted.

¶ And be it enacted, that the Iustices of the peace, in every cytie, citie, and towne corporate, within the limites of their commission and auctoritees, shall haue power and auctoritee, to enquire, here and determine euery offence hereafter to be done or committed contrary to this acte, as well by information as by presentment afore them, and to make suche process vpon euery presentment, as they commonly do vpon indementes of felony.

¶ And to the intente that the sayde secher shall geue their attendance and diligence in true execution of this acte. Be it therefore enacted by auctoritee aforesayde, that the sayde secher or sechers from tyme to tyme, shall and make take for euery ten peeces of tanned lether, so by hym or thein seched, viewed, and marked, as is aforesayde, for his or thein payne taken therein one peny, and no more. And that also euery of the sayde sechers for the trespasse or fee before hym trespasse from tyme to tyme, vpon lawfull request to him made, by any personne or personnes, hauinge tanned lether in open market or sayte to be solde, within the limites of the sechers, shall put to his or thein prynte, seale, or marke, without contradiction or demurall, to euery suche peece of lether sufficiently tanned, vpon payne to forsaite for euery defaulte by the sayde secher or sechers so committed. iii. s. iiii. d. The one moitee thereof to be to the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the other to the partie greued, that will sue for the same by byll, playnte, or information, in any competent courtte of recorde. In whiche suite no waier of lawe esloine, nor protection shall be admitted nor allowed.

¶ Provided alwaies that this acte, or any thyng therein contayned, be not in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to any lord or lordes, or any other hauing libertie or libertees, saytes or markettes, or any of them, thein helles, or successours, of any of them, for or concerning any of the forsaiteures expressed in this acte, whiche they or any of them lawfully haue, as mocht



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none had afore the makinge of this present acte: this acte or any thinge in the same mentioned, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Whiche shalway that this acte, or any thinge therein conteyned, shall not in any wise bee prejudiciall or hurtfull to the Chauncelliers, vicheancellers, masters, tutors, and scholars, their officers and ministers, of the universites of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, of for or concerninge the activite of scerche of tanned leather, or any of the forsaictures of the same: whiche they lawfully hadde or mighte have had before the makinge of this present acte, any thinge therein contained to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

### An acte concerninge the true beinge of woollen clothe. Cap. ii.

**R**apen the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where divers persons, within this realme of Englande, as well aliens as other, byngge the mistike or craft of dyers, now of late have dyed and exercised a falsse sleighte and deceptible waie, in dyeng with brasse and such other lyne substituted, well coloured and sounde by aliens, borne out of this realme of Englande, to the great hurte and schandour of woollen clothes dyed within this sayde realme, whiche in times past have in al outward parties bene noted to have had the most substantiall coloured woollen clothes, of all realmes challenged. That it therefore may be enacted and established by the kyng our soveraygne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporell, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritee of the same, that no maner of person or persons occupieng the sayde craft of dyeng with in this realme of Englande, of what degree or nacion so ever he be, from the feast of the nativitee of our Ladye God now next commynge, doo take upon him or them, to dye or altere, or cause to be dyed or altered any woollen clothes or clothes, as browne blew, blew, fawnie, or violet, or hattes or rappes, excepte the same woollen clothes, hattes or rappes be perfectly hopen, graped or maddered upon the woode and lynette, with good and sufficient cooke or orrell, after a due substantiall and sufficient meane of workmanship, accordinge to the olde workmanship, before time dyed: upon payne of forsaiture of. xl. s. for currie clothe, and. iii. s. iii. d. for every hatter or rappe to be dyed or altered from the true workmanship, as is afore sayde.

And for because that many men, occupieng the sayde sorte of dyeng, falsly and intently do occupie brasse in dyes and sundrie colours, to the greates hurte, hurte, and hindrance of the hinger nege people.

Be it therefore enacted and established, by the auctoritee aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons, occupieng the sayde sorte of

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occupation of dyenge of wollen clothe or clothes, shall occupie any brast, into or with any wollen clothe or clothes, hatte or cappe, within the same realme: And in the scarlet colour occupie any other thing than graine of ly, upon paine of forfeiture of foire shyllynge for every cloth, and, iii. s., iii. d. for every hatte or cappe made and dyed contrary to the fourme, tenour, and effect of this present acte. And the thyrde parte of the forfeiture or value thereof, to be to the hyng our soueraigne loorde, and the other two parties thereof to be equally devided betwene the said person, that shall be seised or taker of the same, and the mayre, baylyffes, or other governours of the citee, towne, borough, or village where any such forfeiture shall fortune to be, to their owne use.

¶ And that for the better reformation of the sayd buttell dyenge of clothes, hattes, and cappes: Be it enacted by the successores aforesaid, that it shall be lesfull to the wardens of the millerie or crafter of dyers of every citee, borough and towne corporate within this realme, where suche warden dyng be, and to their successors, for the tyme beinge, and where no such wardens be, to the mayre, shryffes, baylyffes, constables, and other the kynges head officers: of every citee, borough, towne, and village, and to their successors, to enter into all places privileged and other, where dyenge is used within their liberties, and within a myle compass of every suche citee, borough, towne, and village, where any cloth or clothes, hatte, or cappe, hattes or cappes, is or shalbe pussen dyenge, dyed, or dyed into colour, as in aforesaid, there duly and exactly to viewe, enquire, and serche, if any default be done: but and made, contrary to the fourme, tenour and effect of this present acte.

¶ And if any manner of personne or personnes, dyer or other, withstandinge, refuse, or deny any suche serche to be made, contrary to the tenour of this present acte, that than every such person, so letting, refusing, withstandinge, or denying any suche serche to be made in any house or houses, where dyenge is used, at any tyme hereafter, shall forfeite for every tyme offendinge, contrary to the fourme aforesaid, foire shyllynge. The thyrde parte of the whiche forfeiture to be to the hyng our soueraigne loorde, and the other two parties to be equally devided betwene the said shryffes, baylyffes, and other officer of every suche citee, borough, or towne, and other the kynges subiectes: whiche shall sue for the same, by action of dette, by writte at the common lawe, by bill, information, or plainte. After the custome of the citee, borough, towne, or porte, where at any tyme hereafter any such fines, forfeitures, or penalties shal happen to fall or be: and that the defendant in any suche case, shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, or any protection or esoyne, for any defendant, be allowed in the same.

¶ Provided allwize, that every suche person and personnes, as shall take any advantage of any forfeiture by reason of this act, shal commence his



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of action, for the said forfeiture, with his person not near the same  
shall give as he sees best, according to the law of the land.

**Item** concerning the sale of the said carcasses of beasts, of the said  
by the said Act. **Cap. iii.**

**Complained** to your most excellent highness some poor sub-  
jects of this your realm, that where at times of distress  
before this time hath bene sold to your said subjects at  
prices convenient, so that all your subjects, and in especial  
the poor persons might with their craft or bodily labour,  
by sufficient for the necessity and sustentation of them,  
their wives and children, but now gracious lord, all by the  
said beasts, mutton, pork, and veale, which in the common feeding of  
the meaner & poorer persons, are so sold at so excessive prices that your said  
subjects can not gain with their labour and salary sufficient to pay  
for their convenient by the said sustentation. For reformation whereof  
we please your highness, that it may be enacted by your grace, and the  
honourable spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parlia-  
ment assembled, and by authority of the same, that every person, which  
shall sell by him selfe or any other, the carcasses of beasts, pork, mutton,  
or veale, or any parte or parcell thereof, after the first day of August now  
next ensuyng, shall sell the same by lawfull weight, called haberdupois  
and none otherwise, the said flesh to be cut out in reasonable peeces,  
according to the request of the byer, in the fashion as before this time  
hath bene used, without fraude or couyn. And that every person, which  
by him selfe, or any other, shall sell any flesh of the said carcasses, shall  
have with him where he shall make sale of the said flesh, sufficient beam  
scales, and weights sealed, called haberdupois, for the true surveying of  
the byers.

And furthermore be it enacted by authority aforesaid, that after that  
day no personne nor personnes, take, nor cause to be taken, for any pound  
weight of flesh, of the carcasses of beasts, or pork, by him or them to be  
sold, above the price of one halypenny, nor for any pound weight of flesh  
of the carcasses of mutton or veale, above the price of one halypenny and  
halfe farthing, without deceit or couyn upon payne to forfeit for every  
pound not sold by weight, or above the said price limited. And for every  
default done contrary to the true meaning of this Act. **iii. s. iiii. d.** The  
one moiety thereof to be to the king our sovereign lord, & the other moiety  
to the partie, that will sue for the same by bill, plaint, or informacion. In  
which sute none ransome, wage of lawe, nor protection shall be allowed.  
Provided alwaies, that the heads, neckes, inwardes, purpauces,  
legges, nor feet, shall be counted no parte of the carcasses aforesayde, but  
suche

suche to be solde for a lower price: And furthermore be it enacted by our said lordes, that the lordes Chauncellour, lordes Tresourer, lordes priuie seale, and presydenes of the kynges moste honorable counsaile, and the two chiefe Justices of each bench, or v. liii. or iii. of them, shall haue full power and auctoritee, by thei discretions, at all tymes hereafter for causes conuenient, to minishe abate the prices aboute reherced: but in no wyse to enhance the same. And that all iustices of assises in their circuits, and all iustices of peace, or two of them at the leaste, within their limittes, and all Sherifes, Baylyffes, and other head officers of euerie cite, borough, and countie corporate, aldermen, shiriffes elected, stewards of franchises, the mayres, baylyffes elected, and iurates of the portes, and all other persones, hauing lawfull auctoritee before the makinge of this present acte, to let price of fleshe, and euery of them in their limittes: shall haue full power and auctoritee to sette a lower price of such fleshe as is aboute rementibord, and to enquire of such offenders, and to awarde like proccesse agaynst them, & sette lyke fines as they may do in presentmentes, or inditementes of trespasses before them.

¶ Provided alwayes that no cattle, about the age of viii. weekes old, be not coumpred for deale, but for beeste, and so to be solde as is afore reherced.

¶ Provided alwayes that where the cartels of any beestes, muttons, deale, and porke, within any portes or countie of this realme, be vntill and solde better chepe, or atter lesse prices, than in this present acte is limited: That this acte or any thing therein contained shal not extend to any such countie or place, but that they shal and may sel at like prices, & at the same rate, as they do & used before the makinge of this acte, upon paine as is afore reherced, any thinge in the same contained notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway that such person and persons, as now haue or shal hereafter shall haue the auctoritee of clerke of the market, or to let price of vitayles within the towne and universitees of Oxforde & Cambridge and none other, shall haue the only power and auctoritee to execute this present acte from tyme to tyme, within the said towne and universitees, any thinge in this present acte to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ In acte concernynge solynge of flaxe and hempe. Cap. liii.



The kynges highnes calling to his most blessed remembrance the great nombre of ybie people dayly increasing throughout this his realme, supposed that one greute cause therof is by the continual bringing into the same, the great nombre of lard and marchmundeys, made and brought out and from the parties of beyonde the Sea into this realme, redye wrought by manuell occupation: Amongeste the whiche wares, one kinde of maner chandise



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in innumerable great quantities, which is linen clothe of divers  
 sorts, as in divers countries beyond the sea, is daily brought into  
 this realme. And the great quantite of linen clothe so brought, is con-  
 sumed and spent within the same: The reason whereof not only the sayde  
 countreys, where the sayde linen clothe is made by the pollaxe  
 and industrie of manyng and ventryng thereof, are greatly enriched;  
 but a great number of their people, men, women, and chil-  
 dren, from warke and occupation, are kepte from Idleness, to the greate  
 enrichment and advantage of their common wealthe: And also contrary-  
 wise the inhabitants and subjects of this realme, for lacke of the pol-  
 lace and industrie about the manyng, ventryng, and purtyng in  
 exercise of the occupation, being compelled to be idle, as the most parte of  
 the sayde linen clothe is consumed within this realme  
 amounteth to innumerable summes of money, in other regions and coun-  
 treys. And also the people of this realme, as well men as women, which  
 should and might be set on worke by exercising of like policie and craftes,  
 as manyng, ventryng and manyng of linen clothe, like now in idles-  
 se and ociositee, to the high displeasure of almighty god, great diminution  
 of the kinges people, and extreme ruine, decaye, and impoverishment  
 of this realme.

For reformation whereof the kinges most excellent highnes, Henry the eighth  
 a most vertuous prince, to provide remedie in the premises, hath by his  
 moche councyls as the increase of the common wealthe of this his  
 realme, with also the vertuous exercise of his most loving subjects and  
 people, and to aduynce that most abominable vice of Idleness out of this  
 realme: hath by the advice and assent of his lordes spiritual and temporel,  
 and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by au-  
 thorite of the same ordeined and enacted, that all manner persons, of what  
 degree, estate, or condition they be of, having to their occupacion thre score  
 acres of arable lande or pasture, or thre score acres of arable lande and  
 pasture, being apt for tillage, shall yearly for ever, after the feast of saynt  
 Michael the Archangell next commynge, at their propre costes and  
 charges, till and sow, or cause to be tilled and sown in seasonable tyme  
 one roode, that is to saye, the fourth parte of an acre of the lande, being  
 in their occupacion, as is aforesayde, with line seede, otherwile called flaxe  
 seede or hempe seede, or with both, the said roode to be sown in one place to-  
 gether, or in severall places at their pleasure: And so from the sayd feast  
 yearly shall till and sow, or cause to be tilled and sown one roode for ever  
 in thre acres, which he or they shall happen to have in occupacion, as  
 is aforesayde, without any fraude or counie, upon paine to forsaye  
 his land, for every thre acres, which any personne or personnes  
 shall have in occupacion, as is aforesayde, and not till and sow, or cause  
 to be tilled and sown one roode, according to this acte, in manner before  
 sayd rectified.

And it is also enacted, that all justices of the peace in their sessions, mayors, sheriffs, and bayliffs of cities, boroughs, and townes corporate, in their sessions, or other courtes within the limites of their commissions and auctorities, shall have full power and auctorite to examine the offenders in this acte, as well by the othe as otherwise, and otherwise by information by their discretions.

And if any person or persons be presented afore them, within the limites of their auctorities, or any information given to them, of any offence of this acte: that then they shall have full power and auctorite to procure such presentment or information, to make proper process for the offenders of this acte, like as is commonly used upon misdemeanours of trespass. And if any be presented, and afterwarde be convicted by confession or otherwise, that he hath offended contrary to this acte, that then he shall be put to no loss for forfeiture then is aforesaide, to the use of the hys our sovereigne lord, if the offence be without cities, boroughs, or townes corporate. And if the offence be within any city, borough, or town corporate: then the sayde fine to be to the use of the mayor, sheriff, or bayliffes of the saide city, borough or town corporate, where the offence shall be presented. And if any be convicted by confession, or otherwise by examination upon any information made by any person or persons, agayne any offence of this acte that than every such person is convicted upon any information, shall lose such forfeiture as is aforesaide, the one halfe thereof to the hys our sovereigne lord, and the other halfe to such as shall make the information. And that for the levying of every such forfeiture, as well the Justices of peace, as mayors, sheriffs, and bayliffes, within the limites of their commissions and auctorities, have full power and auctorite to make such process as they shall see by their discretions.

Provided alwaies that none information at the suite of any person concerning this acte, shall be of any effecte, to put any persone to anywaies loss or forfeiture, except the said information be exhibited within one year next after the offence done contrary to this acte. Nor that any information or presentment for the hys be of any effecte, to put any person to anywaies loss or forfeiture, by vertue of this acte, except the sayde information or presentment for the hys, be within a yerres next after the offence done and committed contrary to this acte.

Provided also that parkes for deer, woodes, groves, lone groundes for medowes, felles, fennes, salt marshes: heath groundes, common, and such other like groundes, the nature wherof is not apt for tillage, nor any landes or pasture, which hath not bene put in tillage within the space of fiftie yerres, shall not be accounted in any of the number of acres, in the which any person shall be bounde to till and sow any the seedes aforesaide by vertue of this acte: any thinge in this acte to the contrary notwithstanding.



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And it is further enacted, that the acres shalbe accompted after the rate of. viii. score perches for the acre, and every perch containynge. xii. foute and a halfe of the ryle, and not otherwise.

Item enacted also, that this acte, or any thing therein contained, extend not to the labourers or house forlornes, or shall fortune to be plowed, sowed, or broken new. ii. or. iii. yeres together in. lxx. viii. yeres, or other longer tyme, only for cleaving of the same from moles, moles holes, bushes, or the thinge, or for proofe of the aptnes of the ground to beare some, and not whensoever in anye past or tyme, so that in the same, that it shall fortune the labourers not above excepted to be so plowed, sowed, or broken, the same may be observed in following the pasture thereof with hylne of themselves, as is aforesaid. The also shall extend to any groundes under ley, or to be inclosed, wherein there have bene, be, or shall be, any husbandrie or graunt, or otherwise, any thinge in this present acte made in the same shalbe not withstandinge.

And for as muche as spirituall persones, whiche doore, or shall have in their handes and occupacion, landes for expenses of their householdes, rai not convenient for other people take anye profits of such flaxe or hempe, as growen upon the same, only by sale in other persones: It is therefore thus enacted, that it may be lawfull to all and singular spirituall persones, dwelinge in their handes and occupacion any maner landes, for expenses of their householdes, not prohibited by the lawe, to sell such flaxe & hempe, as shall growe upon their landes, so buyng in their owne handes and occupacion, as is also sayd, any act, statute, or provision made to the contrary is not withstandinge.

This acte to continue to the last day of the next parliament.

In acte where a man killynge & therfore shall not for-  
saice his goodes. Cap. x.



Or as muche as it hath ben in question and ambiguitie, that if anye and bifurcated person or persons do attempt feloniously to robbe, or murder any person or persons, in or nigh any common high way, cart way, horse way, or foot way, or in their mansion messuages, or dwelling places, or that feloniously doo attempte to breake any dwelling house in the night tyme, should happen in his or their (beinge in their such felonious intent) to bee slayne by him or them, whom the said sayd doers should so attempt to robbe or murder, or by any person or persones, beinge in their dwelling house, whiche the said sayd doers should attempte burglariously to breake by night: if the sayd person, so happening in his or her intent to kill any such person, do attempte to committe such murder or burglary, should for the death of the said sayd bifurcated person forfeite all his goodes, and cattell, for the

same, as any other persone should do, that by chauce mealey should happen to kille or slea any other persone in his or their defence. For the declaration of the whiche ambiguitie and doubt, he is enacted by the kyng our soveraigne lorde, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, at any tyme hereafter, be indicted or appealed of or for the death of any such euill disposed person or personnes, attempting to murder, robbe, or burgularly to breake mansion houses, as is above said, that the person or persons so indicted or appealed thereof, and of the same by default to stand and tryed: shall not forfeite or lose any land, tenement, goodes, or chattelles for the death of any such euill disposed person, touching manner of lawe, but shalbe therof and for the same fully acquitted and discharged in like maner as the same person or persons should be, if he or they were lawfully acquitted of the death of the said euill disposed person or personnes.

**An acte concerninge sale of wyne. Ca. xl.**



**B**eainge that divers marchantes, inhabytinge within the cite of London, haue of late not onely presumed to bargayne and sell in grosse to divers of the kinges subiectes great quantities of wyne of Calcoyne, Cyprus, and Frenche wyne, some for five pounde the Tunne, some for more, and some for lesse, & so after the rate of excessive prices, contrary to the forme and effect of a good and laudable statute, therofore made in this present parliament, holden upon prorogacion thereof made, into the .xv. day of Januarye in the .viii. yere of the kinges moste noble taryng, that is to saye, contrary and above the prices therof set by the right honorable, the lord Chancellor, lord Treasourer, lordes president of the kinges moste honourable countaile, Lordes priue seale, and the two chief Iudges of either benche, whereby they be fallen into the penaltie, inflicted by the sayde statute, as by beare mours thereof made, by examination taken before the sayde lordes, and others of the kinges moste honourable countaile, is well knowen: but also havinge in their handes and possessiones great aboundance of wyne by them acquired and bought to be sold, unlawfully and maliciously, with they sayde attempted and becomen proues, haue refused to bargayne and sell to manye of the kinges subiectes, anye of they sayde wyne to mayntayne and beerynge in they handes, purposinge and intendinge thereby, for theyr owne singular and unreasonable luyres and profytes, to haue larger and higher prices of they sayde wyne to be sold, accordinge to theyr insatiable appetites and mindes: It is therefore ordained, and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that every marchante and other person, whiche bargayne, as he or she hereafter shall



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home being to be sold, and refusing to sell on better, so not taking any of the same money for very money therefore to be paid according to the price as priced there of than buying it, that subjects and take the value of the same is required to be bought.

And furthermore be it enacted, that it shall be lawful to all and singular  
Judices of peace, mayors, bailiffs, and other head officers and governments,  
in shires, cities, boroughs, and townes, and in other places of this realme  
within the precinctes and limittes of their offices, from the last daye of A-  
prill, in the yere of our lorde god. 39. 39. 39. 39. at the becke and requeste  
of any of the hynnes subiectes, to whom any hennys of sale, or from whom  
any restrainte of sale of any luche wyne, shall be made, and full payments  
therefor without delay offered to be made, according to the prices, which at  
the tyme of suche denyer or restrainte of sale, he or she shall let by the lordes  
and Judices, or hereafter to be let according to the last statute heretofore  
made, to enter into the bondes, sellors, and other places, where luche wy-  
nes shall be or be, and to sell and deliver the same wyne or wyne desired  
to be bought, to the persons or persons to whom he or she shal be or be the  
same. Taking of the byre of the same wyne or wyne, to be sold, to  
the use of satisfaction of the said statute aforesaid, after the rate of the price  
and thereof to be set or hereafter to be set, as is aforesaid.

And whereas it is enacted, that if at the tyme of any such sale of wyne  
pales to be made, the said statute aforesaid, in other statutes aforesaid  
thereof, does trouble, trouble, and manifestly trouble and trouble to the  
said Judice of peace, Mayor, Bailiff, or other head officer, purp-  
pose to make the same sale, by virtue of this act, what, and how much  
quantitie and sortes of wyne he then shall have, and sell, and how much  
upon his bondes, to be made and given by the request of the  
said Judice of peace, Mayor, Bailiff, or other head officer, that he has  
both and receive the same wyne to the intent and to make and to  
make the same in his house, by receipt, or otherwise, and not to sell the  
same wyne, nor any of them in galle: that then the same merchant  
or other owner shall have and receive the same wyne, without  
any sale there if to be made in some other wyne, and without any fine  
or forfeiture for refusal or restraint of sale thereof to be made in galle. And in  
case that after such other to make, the same merchant or owner or other  
owner or owner, do sell the same wyne to any of them in galle, that is  
to say, by the same, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise,  
he shall forfeit and lose the double value of all luche wyne so  
sold in galle. And the one half thereof, and of the other half thereof to be  
made to the person, that shall be the first to be made of such, or other  
wyne, as information, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise,  
shall be had at such, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise,  
to be made effect in any thing, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise, or otherwise.





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for the same, by bill, action of law, or information in any of the hinged courts, wherein no wager of law, or law, nor protection shall be allowed.

Wherof alwayes, that every lorde marcher have the full payntes, profits, and advantages only of every such offender and offenders against the purveying of this acte, within their feoffments, liberties, and franchises royal.

Be it also enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the justices of peace of every of the shires of this realme, within the limites of their commissions, shall have full power and authority by force and vertue of this act, to enerve their generall sessions hereafter to be holden and kepte, to inquire, here, and determine the premises, as well by information and presentment, as by bill, or plaint, wherein no wager of law, or law, or protection for the defendants (as is aforesaid) shall be admitted or allowed.

**¶ In acte where defendants shall not recover any costs. Cap. viii.**



Because as well many recognitions, obligations, indentures, and other specialties, as also many contracts heretofore have bene taken and made betwene sundry persons beinge of the hinged made honourable countsaile, and other his subjects, and by and betwene other persons, to the use and behoofe of our sayde sovereigne lorde the kynge for good summes of money, than beinge to his grace due: And for his provision and other causes. For whiche betwixt actions by the lawes of this realme be to be commenced first, and prosecuted to the lardes use, by and in the name and names of the person or persons, to whom the sayde recognitions, obligations, and other specialties were made, or by those, to whom the sayde contracts were made. Be it therfore ordained and enacted, by authority of this present parliament, that all be it that the playntiffe or playntiffes, be or shall be constituted in any what in ever action, sute, bill, or plaint commenced or to be commenced, sued or to bee sued, to the use of our sayde sovereigne lorde the kynge, his heires or successours, beinge of Englonde, or that it shall happen any waye to passe against any such playntiffe or playntiffes, in any action, sute, bill, plaint, sued or to be sued to the lardes use the defendants or defendants shall not recover any costs against anye such playntiffe or playntiffes, anye acte or statute made in this present parliament, or any other charge to the contrarye beinge in anye lorde not withstandinge.

**¶ In acte against livery of goods deades called wrynges. Cap. ix.**



Where in the first session of this present parliament, begun at Lant on, the thirde day of Nouembre, in the xxi. yere of the reigne of our moste noble soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, and from thence adioyned to westminster to the xiii. daie of the same monethe, there was a good & profitable ordinance, acte, and provision made, conceyning kyllinge of calves, right commodious for the publike weale of this realme, as bi the same more at large it both appere. which act was deuised to the intent that calves ones named, which as at that tyme was supposed, not haue ben put to slaughter before they were of conuenient yeres, and myre for beeste, which by myght haue growen the greater plentie of beestes, & at meaner pryces within this realme, to the increase of the common weale of the same: yet neuerthelesse diuers persons, more regarding their priuie lurre & singular profite and gaine, than the common weale of the said realme, haue used since the making of the said act, and yet do, to kille yonge beastes, called wayne kynges, steres, bulloches, & heifers, of one or two yeres olde or litle more: by meane wherof a great part of the benefite that eis should haue folowed of the sayde acte, hath bene frustrate and voyde. It is therefore enacted ordeined, and established, by the kyng our soueraigne lord, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that no maner of person or persons, beyng bouchers or other, inhabiting within this realme, isles, or marches of the same, shal fro the feast of the natiuite of saynt John Baptist till next commynge, kille or cause to be killed any maner of weynkynges, bulloche, sterre, or heifer being vnder the age of ii. yeres, to the intent to make sale therof to any person or persons, holle or by retayle, vpon payne of. li. s. viii. d. for euery of the sayd weynkynges, bulloches, steres, or heifers, beyng vnder the age of ii. yeres, killed and put to sale contrary to this acte, to be payde and forsayted by euery such boucher and bouchers, and other, whiche shal kyll or cause to be killed and put to sale contrary to this acte, any suche weynkyng, bulloche, sterre, or heifer, vnder the age aforesayde, from & after the sayd feast of the Natiuite of saynt John the Baptist next ensuynge, as is aforesayd: The one halfe of euery suche forsayture to be to the vse of our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng, and the other halfe to the partie that will sue for the same by bylle, actyon of dette, or information in any of the kinges courtes, in wher no wager of laipe, essoyne, or protection shall be allowed.

Wherbynt allwayes that euery lord marcher haue the forsaytes, pryces and aduantages euery of euerye suche offender and offendours & gapulle the purrpyng of this acte, within their seignories, liberties, and franchises copall.

Be it also enacted, by the auctorite afoze, that the Iustices of peace of euery



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every of the thynges of this Realme, within the lymettes of theyr commys-  
sions, shall have full power and auctorite by force and vertue of this acte,  
at every of theyr generall sessions hereafter to be holden and kepte, to ex-  
amine, here, and determine the premises, as well by information and pro-  
secution, as by byll, or pleynt, wherin no wager of lawe, essoyne, or protec-  
tion for the defendant, as is aforesayde, shalbe admitted or allowed.

**¶** This acte to endure to the next parliament.

**¶** In act made to destroy choughes, crowes,  
and rookes. Cap. x.



**F**or as muche as innumerable mynde of rookes, crowes,  
and choughes, do daily brede and increase throughout this  
realme, whiche rookes, crowes, and choughes do verely de-  
stroy, devour, and consume a wonderfull and meruaylous  
great quantitee of corne and greine, of all kyndes, that is  
to wit, as well in the sowynge of the same corne and grapne,  
as also at the tynge and kernellyng of the same, and ouer that a meruay-  
lous destruction and decay of the couertures of thatched houses, barnes,  
trekes, garages, and other suche like, so that if the saide crowes, rookes, &  
choughes, should be sufferd to brede and continue as they haue ben in cer-  
taine yeres past, they will undoubtedly be the cause of the greate destruc-  
tion and consumption of a great part of the corne and grapne, which here-  
after shalbe sowen throughout this realme, to the great prouidice damage  
and vndoing of the great nombre of all tillers, husbandes, and sowers of  
the erth within the same. For remedie wherof, be it enacted, by the aucto-  
rite of this present parliament, that every person and persons, as wel sp-  
erial as temporal, having, keeping, holding, & inhabiting in any manours,  
meases, landes, or tenementes in theyr owne manurance and occupation,  
of any estate of inheritance, or for terme of life, or for yeres, or at will, or by  
tyme of court roule, or other wyse in possession or vse, shall hereafter do &  
cause to be done as muche as in him or them reasonably shall or may bee  
to kill and utterly destroye all maner of choughes, crowes and rookes,  
commynge, abidinge, breedinge or hauntinge within or vppon anye the  
saide manours, meases, landes, or tenementes, whiche he or they shall in-  
habite and dwell vpon, and haue in their manurance and occupation, as  
is aforesayd, vpon payne of a greuous amercement to be set and assessed  
hereafter shall be expressed: that is to say, that if any offence be doone  
contrarie to this estatute by any person or persons, inhabited within the li-  
mytes of the letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtbarons of any lordes, having  
such courtis, that than vpon a presentment therof made before the stewards  
of suche letes, lawdayes, rapes, or courtis, the stewards with two of the  
presentours, by the stewards and presentours to be named, shall assesse  
and set for every default presented to be doone contrarie to this act, such

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amerciament to them shall seeme reasonable and convenient; after the quantitie of the offence, the sayd ameriamentes, to be to the vse of the lay or lordes of the letes, laudables, rapes, or courtes, where the said offence shall be done and presented, to be leuied by distresse of the goodes and cattalles, of the offendour or offendours like as other ameriamentes in common amerciaunces presented in letis, hath be accustomed to be leuied.

¶ And if the offence be done contrarie to this statute by any person or persons, whiche shall dwell and haue the manurance of and in suche maners, meases, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, wherunto such letis, laudables, rapes, or courtes belongeth, or by reason wherof any such courtes benholden: that then upon a presentment thereof had before the Shyrif in their Turnes, or Iustices of peace in their sessions, the Sherwarde of the Turnes, with two of the presentours, to be chosen as is aforesayde, if the presentment be within the Turne, and the Iustices of peace, or two of them at the least, if the presentment be before them in their sessions, shall assesse and set the said ameriament, after the quantitie of the offence by their discretions, to be had and leuied to the vse of our soueraygne Lorde the kynge by distresse, lyke as other ameriamentes be leuied upon presentmentes of common amerciaunces.

¶ And further be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd, that in every parisse, towneshipp, hamlet, borough, or village, within this realme, wherein is at least ten householdes inhabited, the tenants and inhabitantes thereof shall before the feast of sainte Michael the archangel nexte, and so every ten yerres nexte ensuing the sayde feast, at their owne propre costes, charges, and expences, provide, make, or cause to be made one net, commonly called a nette to take choughes, crookes, and rookes, with all thynges requisite or belongynge to the same. And the sayd nette, so made or caused to be made, shall kepe, preserve, and remeue as often as shall neede. And with and after a sharpe made with chaffe, or other thing mete for that purpose shall laye or cause to be layde at suche time or times in the yere as is convenient for distruction of suche choughes, rookes, and crookes, and in suche place and places, as shall be thought expedient to take the sayd choughes, crookes and rookes, upon payne to forsaite tenne shillinges, the one moite thereof to be to our soueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other moite to the Kertie or Lordes of the same courtes, letes, laudables, or rapes, where any suche nette shall be lackynge, and not made and putte in execution, accordynge to this acte, to be leuied of the sayde tenants and inhabitantes of the sayde parisse, towneshippe, hamlette, borough, or village where any suche nette shall be lackynge, and not putte in use and execution, as is aforesayde. And that every suche nette, with all thynges requisite therunto, shall one time in the yere at the least, be present in the court baron, lete, rape, or laudable before the Sherwarde of the same courte, lete, rape, or laudable, wherunto the sayd tenants and inhabitantes shall be



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effect of the premises in due time, so that this act may be fully and truly executed, and the croppes, croppes, and rookes, thereby destroyed in all places of this Realme, according to the meaning and true intent of this Statute. And also this it is enacted, that it shall be lawful to every person and persons, each minding and willing to take and destroy the sayde croppes, rookes, or choughes, after request therof made unto the owner or occupier of the same ground, where such croppes, rookes, or choughes haunt or be, to enter, take, and carry away all such croppes, or choughes, and rookes, as he shall take that same day, in which such request shall be made from time to time, without let, impediment, or impeachment by any manner meane of the said owner or occupier of the same.

¶ And it is further enacted, that every fermour or owner, havinge in his owne maintenance and occupation, any manours, meases, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whereof the Percy value or true amounteth to x. s. shall pay and give to every such person, which by his diligence, labour, and industrie, at his owne propre cost, dothe take any olde croppes, rookes, or choughes, within and upon the said manours, meases, landes, or groundes of the Percy value afore said, ii. s. for every .xii. olde croppes, rookes, or choughes, that any such person shall take, bringe, and ovyer to anye such fermour or owner: And for every .xii. olde croppes, rookes, or choughes, a penny, for every .xii. olde a halypenny. And if any such owner or fermour refuse to pay the sayde money according, as is afore sayde, then upon complaint and proff thereof made to any of the Justices of peace, or high constable, the said Justice of peace or high constable, shall cause the said money to be levied by distress of the goods and cattails of every such fermour or occupier, refusing to pay the sayde money according to the true intent and effects of this acte.

¶ It is also enacted that no person or persons, by colour or authority of this acte, shall take or kill any doves or pigeons, upon the payne limited by the lawes and customes of this Realme heretofore for such offences to be and executed.

### An act for paying of the high hay bothe on the Strand croffe and Charynge croffe. Cap. xi.



A most humble petition and beseeche your highnes your moste lovinge the inhabitants dwelling in the parishes of Sancte Martine in the parish of Charynge croffe our Lady at the Strand, and Sancte Clement dwelling out Temple barre of London in your countie of Middelsex that where the common high hay, bothe on the Strand croffe aforesayde, and the Strand croffe, is here nowing and sowne, and in many places thereof is nowing and sowne to all your highnes people, that have passing and repailling, as well on horsebacke as on foot, both



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in winter and in summer, by night and by day. The better occasion whereof  
 hath ben and yet is, that the landholders and tenants of all the counties and  
 townes here adjoining on both sides of the sayd common high waye  
 have bene crasse and negligent, and otherwise and will not make  
 and supporte the sayd high waye with payng, either of their own  
 portions of his groundes adjoining to the same high waye. JOHN. 17. 30  
 and for as muche made gracious sollicitie to be as the said high waye  
 and hath ben of continuance greatly decayed, as well with your subiects  
 and with their carres and cartages, repairing, to and from your citie  
 of London, from divers parties of this your realme, as with your subiects  
 for palling and repalling to and from the towne of Westmynster, aboute  
 the robes of your lathes, ther kept in the terme session whiche hereafter  
 here sufficiently paired and made after the manner of the pavement of the  
 strete betwene the said Strand crosse and temple barre, it should not be  
 he than be a great comforte to all your subiectes there aboute whiche  
 be also to all other your liege people, that wales palling and repalling  
 please it therfore your highnes, of your most abundant grace, that with  
 summons in this your present parliament assembled, and by your committee  
 the same, that it be enacted, ordered, and established, that all and every  
 person and persons, their heyres and successors, the whiche now be, or  
 at tyme from henceforth shalbe leased in possession, or in life of any manner  
 landes, or tenementes in any wile adjoininge to the sayd high waye, be  
 wene the sayd Strand crosse and Charynge crosse, be it on the one side  
 of the same waye as on the other, of any estate of free simple, fee taylor, or fee  
 some of life, shalbe before the feast of saint Michael the nexte, the  
 whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde 1533. B. xxiii. sufficiently paired  
 or to be paired with payng stone, the sayd high waye alonge downe  
 to their landes or tenementes, adjoininge to the sayd high waye, into  
 the middell of the same waye, in such and like forme, as the high strete be-  
 twene Temple barre and Strand crosse also shalbe, is paired, upon payme-  
 nt for sayte to your highnes, your heyres, and successors, for every pax-  
 square, not sufficiently paired by the sayd day limited and assigned, in  
 the name before expressed. JOHN. 17. 30  
 And be it also enacted by the said committee also clark, that all and every per-  
 son and persons, havinge any of the sayd landes and tenementes in pos-  
 session or in life, in fee simple, fee taylor, or for terme of life, adjoininge to  
 the said high waye, their heyres and successors, shall from and after the  
 feast of saint Michael the whiche shall be in the sayd yere of our  
 lorde 1533. B. xxiii. sufficiently maintain the pavement of the  
 sayd waye against every of their landes or tenementes, in such and like  
 forme, as is above declared, upon payme to for sayte to your highnes for  
 every pax square of the said pavement, not sufficiently paired, repaired  
 or maintained, as often as any such defaulte of any person shalbe pax-  
 square

ten before your Justices of the pleas before your highness to be holden. And that he further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that your said Justices, for the time being, may have full power and auctorite to inquire in every term to be holden after the feast of Saint Michael, which shall be in the said year of our Lady god 92. xviii. by the oath of. xii. men of the said countie, as well of them that have not paid, as according to the provision aforesaid, as also of them that cruelly or unreasonably shall be content to interpret the same payment according to the said provision. And that the said Justices may have power and auctorite to cause such default be set them presented, to make piores by distress or other ways by their discretion, against the said offenders, their heirs and followers, as well for making repair, and amending of the said highway, as for the said default in satisfaction.

And that the act that appales in such cases as hath been used to be pursued to the Sher of Home shall not be from henceforth directed into any badme land, but within the realme. Ca. vi.



Here by divers sundrie olde autentike histories, and chronicles is manifestly declared & expessed, that this realme of England is an Empire, and so hath been accepted in the world, governed by one supreme head and kyng, havinge the dignitie and copall estate of imperiall crowne of the same: Unto whom a booke politike, compaite of all sortes and degrees of people, ascribed in termes & by names of spiritualtie and temporallie, hath beene given to beare next to god, a naturall and humble obedience: he beinge also institute and furnished by the goodnes & sufferance of almighty god, with plenarie, whole, and entier power, preeminence, and twofold prerogative, and jurisdiction, to render and yelde Justice and finall determination to all manner of folk, & estates or subiectes within this realme, in all causes, matters, debates, and contentions, happeninge to or concerninge, or beginn within the boundes, therof, without reserpyne or reservation from any princes or potentates of the world: He hath also tuall lyber of havinge power when any cause of the late betwene happeneth to come in question, or of spiritualle learninge, that it was declared, interpreted, and shewed by that parte of the sayde booke politike, called the spiritualtie, howe heinge usuallie called the English church, whiche is tolles hath beene reputed, and also founde of that sorte, that bothe by knowledge, integritie, and sufficiencie of nombre, it hath beene alwaies thought, and is also at this houre, sufficient and mete of it selfe, without the intermedling of any exterior person or persones, to declare and determine all suche doubtes, and to administer all suche offices and duties, as to their common spiritualle doth appertheyne. For the due administration wherof, and to kepe them from corruption and sinister affection, the



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kynges moſte noble progenitours, and the antecessours of the nobles of this realme, haue ſufficientlie endowed the ſayd church, bothe with honours and poſſeſſions. And the lawes temporall, for tryall of propertie of landes and goodes, and for the conſeruacion of the people of this Realme in vniuersitie and peace, without raiſe or ſpoyle, was & yet is adminiſtered adiuſted and executed by ſundry iudges and miniſters of the other parte of the ſayd bodie polityke, called the Temporalitie: And bothe theſe auctorities and iuriſdictions do comyn together in the due adminiſtracion of Juſtice, the one to helpe the other.

And where as the kyng his moſte noble progenitours, and the nobles and commons of this ſayde Realme, at diuers and ſomtyme parliaments, as well in the tyme of kyng Edward the ſirſt, Edward the ſhirde, Richard the ſeconde, Henrie the fourth, and other noble kynges of this realme, made ſundry ordinaunces, lawes, ſtatutes, and prouiſions for the entiere and ſure conſeruacion of the prerogatiues, liberties, and preeminences of the ſayde imperiall crowne of this Realme, and of the iuriſdictions ſpirituell and temporall of the ſame, to kepe it from the annoyauce as well of the ſee of Rome, as from the auctoritie of other ſoeygne potentates, attemptynge the diminucion or violacion thereof, as often and ſom tyme to tyme, as any ſuche annoyauce or attempt might be knowne or eſpied. And not withſtandynge the ſayde good ſtatutes and ordinaunces made in the tyme of the kynges moſte noble progenitours, in preſeruacion of the auctoritie and prerogatiue of the ſayde imperiall crowne, as is afore ſayde: yet neuer the leſſe ſythen the makinge of the ſayde good ſtatutes and ordinaunces, diuers and ſundry inconueniences and daungers, not provided for yf anye, by the ſayde former actes, ſtatutes, and ordinaunces, haue ryſen and ſpronge, by reaſon of appeales ſued out of this Realme to the ſee of Rome, in cauſes teſtamentarye; cauſes of matrimonye, and deuorces, righte of tythes, oblations, and obſentions, not wyſe to the great inquietacion, heracion, trouble, coſtis and charges of the kynges hyghneſſe, and manie of his ſubiectes and reſiantes in this ſayde realme, but alſo to the great delaye and let to the true and ſpedy determination of the ſayde cauſes, for ſo muche as the parties, appelynge to the ſayde court of Rome, moſte commonlye doo the ſame for the delaye of Juſtice. And for as muche as the great diſtance of waye is ſo farre oute of this realme, ſo that the neceſſarye prouers, not the true knowledge of the cauſe, can neither there be ſo wel knowne, ne the witneſſes there ſo wel examined, as within this realme, ſo that the parties greeued by meanes of the ſayde appeales, be moſte tymes without remedy. In conſideracion whereof, the kynges highneſſe, his nobles, and commons conſiderynge the, greates inconueniences, daungers, longe delayes, and hurttes, that as well to his hyghneſſe, as to his ſayde nobles, ſubiectes, commons, and reſiantes of this ſayde realme, in the ſayde cauſes teſtamentarye, cauſes of matrimonye, & deuorces,

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uozes, tithes, oblations, and obventions, do dayly ruse, Bothe therefore by his riall assente, and by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same enacte, establish, and ordeyne, that all causes testametarye, causes of matrimonie, and deuozes, rightes of tythes, oblations, and obventions (the knowledge wherof by the goodnesse of princes of this realme, and by the lawes and customes of the same apperteyneth to the spirituall iurisdiction of this realme) all redye commended, moued, dependinge, beyng, happeninge, or hereafter comyng in contention, debate, or question within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions or marches of the same, or els where, whether they concerne the kyng our soueraygne lord, his heires or successours, or any other subiectes or vassaltes within the same, of what degree so euer they be, shal be from henceforth harde, examined, discussed, clerely, finallye, and definitiue adyudged and determined within the kynges iurisdiction and auctoritie, & not els where, in suche courttes spirituall and temporall of the same, as the natures, condicions, and qualites of the cases and matters aforesayde in contention, by hereafter happening in contention, shall requyre, without hauyng any respecte to any custome, vse, or sufferance, in hinderance, let, or prejudice of the same, or to any other thyng vsed or suffered to the contrary therof by any other manner person or persons in any manner of wyse, Any foreyne inhibitions, appeales, sentences, sommongs, citations, suspensions, interdictions, excommunicacions, restrayntes, iudgementes, or any other proces, or impedimentes, of what natures, names, qualites, or condicions, so euer they be from the See of Rome, or any other foreyne courttes, or potentates of the worlde, or from and out of this realme, or anye other the kynges dominions, or marches of the same, to the see of Rome, or to anye other foryn courttes, or potentates, to the let or impediment therof, in any wyse not with standyng.

And that it shall be lawfull to the kyng our soueraygne lord, and to his heires and successours, and to all other subiectes or vassaltes within this realme, or within any the kynges dominions, or marches of the same, not with standyng that here after it should happen any excommunicement, excommunicacions, interdictions, citations, or any other censures, or foreyne proces out of any outwarde partes, to be fulminate, prounged, declared, or put in execution within this sayde realme, or any other place or places, for anye of the causes before rehersed, in prejudice, derogacion, or contempte of this sayde acte, and the veray true meanyng and execution therof, maye and shall neuerthelesse as well pursue, execute, haue, and enjoy the effectes, profytes, benefytes, and commodities of all suche proces, sentences, iudgementes, and determinacions, doone, or hereafter to be doone in anye of the sayde courttes spirituall or temporall, as the cases shall require, within the limittes, power and auctoritee of this the kyngs

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saide realme and dominions, and marches of the same; and those archie-  
and none other to take place and to be stremely observed and obeyed with-  
in the same, as also that all the spirituali prelates, pastours, ministers, and  
curates within this realme and dominions of the same, shall and male  
be, minister, execute, and do, or cause to be dñed, ministered, executed and  
done all sacramentes, sacramentalles, daynie services, and all other things  
within the sayde realme and dominions, unto all the subiectes of the same  
as catholyke and churche men owen to do, any former citations, processs,  
inhibicions, suspensions, interdictions, excommunications, or appeales,  
for or touching any of the causes aforesayde, from or to the see of Rome,  
or any other foraine prince or foraine court, to the lette or contrary ther-  
of in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ And if any of the sayde spirituali personages, by the occasion of the sayde  
salutations of any of the same interdictions, censures, inhibicions, ex-  
communications, appeales, suspensions, foraymons, or other foraine cita-  
tions, for the causes before sayde, or for any of them, do at any tyme here-  
after refuse to minister, or to cause to be ministered the sayde sacramentes,  
and sacramentalles, and other daynie services, in forme as is aforesayde,  
shall for every suche tyme or tymes, that they or any of them do refuse to do,  
or to cause to be done, have one yerres imprisonment, and to make tyme  
and ransom at the hysges pleasure.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if anye per-  
sonne or persones inhabytinge or resydinge within this realme, or within  
any the hysges dominions, or marches of the same or any other personne  
or persones, of what estate, condition, or degree so ever he or they bee, at  
any tyme hereafter, for or in any the causes aforesayde, do attempte, make  
purchase, or procure, from, or to the see of Rome, or from or to any other  
foraine Courte or Court, out of this realme, any manner foraine proces,  
inhibicions, appeales, sentences, foraymons, citations, suspensions, inter-  
dictions, excommunications, restreintes, or iudgements, of what nature  
kind, or qualite so ever they be, or execute any of the same proces, or doe  
any acte or actes, to the lette, impedimēte, hinderance or derogacion of  
any proces, sentence, iudgement, or determination, hadde, made, done,  
or hereafter to bee hadde, done, or made in any courtes of this realme, or  
the hysges sayde dominions or marches of the same, for anye of the cau-  
ses aforesayde contrary to the true meaninge of this presente acte, and  
the execution of the same: that than everie suche personne or persones,  
inhabytng, and their heires, consors, abbettounes, procurers, exe-  
cutors, and counsellours and evēre of them, beeyng compelt of the  
same, for every suche default shall incurre and runne in the same paynes,  
penalties, and forfaytures ordeyned and provided by the statute of pro-  
vision, and premisses, made in the .xiii. yere of the regne of the righte  
wylle prince king Richard the seconde, and yf such an attempte pro-  
cess or make provision to the see of Rome, or to any other, for anye thinge

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or thinges, to the derogacion, or contrary to the prerogative or iurisdiction of the crowne and dignitee of this realme.

And furthermore in these laste the sayde grante enornitees, inquisitions, delays, charges, and expences hereafter to be suffered in pursuynge of suche appeles and soverne proccesse, for and correctynge the causes afore sayde, or any of them, do therfore by auctoritee afore sayd, ordeyne and enacte, that in suche cases, where heretofore any of the kynges subiectes and resiauntes, have used to pursue, prouche, or procure any appele to the See of Rome, or in all other cases of appeles, in or for any of the causes afore sayde, they maie and shall from henceforth take, have, and vyle their appeles within this realme, and not elles where, in maner and forme as here after ensueth, and not otherwise, that is to saie, ffirst from the archedeacon, or his officiall, if the matter or cause be there begunne, to the bysshoppe diocesan, of the sayde See, if in case any of the parties be greived. And in lyke wyse if it be commenced before the byshop diocesan, or his committarie, from the byshop diocesan, or his committary, within fyfteen daies next ensuynge the iudgemente or sentence therof there yoven, to the archbysshopps of the prouince of Canturbury, if it be within his prouince, and if it be within the prouince of yorke, then to the archbyshop of yorke, and so lyke wyse to all other archbyshopps, in other the kynges dominions, as the case by the order of iustice shall requyre, and there to be definitiue and finally ordered, decreed, and adiudged, accordynge to iustice, without any other appellacion or promouacion to any other persone or persones, courts or courties. And if the matter or contention for any of the causes afore sayde, be or shall be commenced by any of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, before the archedeacon of any archbyshoppe or his committarie, than the partie greived, that or maie take his appele within, xii. daies next after iudgemente or sentence there yoven, to the court of the Archies or audience of the same Archbyshoppe or bysshoppes, and from the sayde Courte of the Archies or audience within fyfteen daies than next ensuynge, after iudgement or sentence there yoven, to the archbyshoppe of the same prouince, there to be definitiue and finally determined without any other or farther proces or appele there vpon to be had or vied.

And it is further enacted by the auctoritee afore sayde, that all and every matter, cause, and contention now depending, or that here after shall be commenced by any of the kynges subiectes or resiauntes, for any of the causes afore sayde, before any of the sayde archbishops, that than the same matter or matters, contention or contentions, shall be before the same archbishop, where the same matter cause or proces shall be so commenced, definitiue and finally decreed, and adiudged, without any other appeal, promouacion, or any other superiour proccesse out of this realme, to be taken or taken to the derogacion of the sayde iudgemente, sentence, or decree, other wise than is by this laste statute appointed, to avoide all charges and expences.



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rogative of the archbishop and church of Cantuarbury, in all the foresaid cases of appeals, to hym and to his successors to be used within this realm, in such and likewise as they have bene accustomed and used to have heretofore. And in case any cause, matter, or contention, now depending for the causes before rehearsed, or any of them, or that hereafter shall come in contention for any of the same causes, in any of the foresayde counties, whiche hath, hath, shall, or may touche the kyng, his heirs, or successors kinges of this realm: that in all and every such case or cases, the partie grieved, as before is sayde, shall or may appeale from any of the sayd counties of this realm, where the sayd matter now being in contention, or hereafter shall come in contention, touching the kyng, his heirs, or successors: as is also sayde, shall happen to be ventilate commenced, or begun to the spirituell prelates and other abbottes and priours of the upper house, assembled and convokate by the kynges writte in the convocation being or next following, within the province or provinces, where the same matter of contention, is or shalbe begun. So that every such appeale taken by the partie grieved, within xv. daies next after the judgement or sentence thereupon given or be given. And that what so euer be done or shalbe done, and assigned, determined, decreed, and assigned by the foresayde prelates, abbottes and priours of the upper house of the sayd convocation, as is also sayde apperteyning, concerning, or belonging to the kyng, his heirs, and successors, in any of these foresayde causes of appeals: shall stand and be taken for a final decree, sentence, judgement, distinction, and determination, and the same matter so determined, never after to come in question or debate, to be examined to any other court or courts. And if it shall happen any person or persons hereafter to pursue or provoke any appeale, contrary to the effect of this acte, or refuse to obey, execute, and observe all thinges comprised within the same, concerning the said appeals, prohibitions and other foreyn procces to be sued out of this realm for any the causes abovesayd, that then every such person or persons, so doing, refusing, or offending contrari to the true meaning of this act, their procurers, counsellors, advocates, counsellours, and abettours, and every of them, shall sicurre into the paynes, forfaytures, and penalties ordeined and provided in the sayde statute made in the sayde xvi. yere of kinge Richard the second, and with like procces to be made against the sayde offenders, as in the same statute made the sayde xvi. yere more playnly appereth.

### An acte for reformation of excesses in appeals. L.iii.



Where before this time divers lawes, ordinances, and statutes have ben with great deliberacion and counsaill promoved established and devised for the necessarie repressing abuses, and expelling of the inordinate excesses daily increased in the sumtuons and costly waies and appaill,

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accustomably inome in this realme: wherof hath ensued a daily do chauce  
such fondrie, highe, & notable inconueniencs, as be to the great, manifest,  
a notorious detriment of the comon weale, the subuersion of good and po-  
lytyhe order in knowledge and distinction of people, accordyng to theyr  
estates, preeminences, dignities, and degrees, and to the vtter impouersish-  
mente and vnboung of many inperyte and lyghte personen, inclined to  
pyrde, mocher of all vyces. whiche good lawes not withstandinge, the  
outercarious excesse therein is rather from tyme to tyme increased than de-  
minished, eyther by occasion of the puerile and forward maners and  
sage of the people, or for that error and abuses once rooted and taken in  
to longe custome, be not easily and at once without some moderation for a  
tyme relinquished and reformed. In consideration wherof, and for a to  
conuable order and remedy lyke to be obserued, performed, and continually  
kept, It is by the hynge highnesse, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and  
the commons in this presente parliament assembled, & by auctoritee of the  
same enacted, establisshed, and ordeyned, in manner and fourme folowynge.

Firste that no person or persons, of what estate, dignitee, degree or con-  
dicion so euer they be, from the feast of the Purification of our lady, which  
shall be in the yere of our lord. 49. D. xxiiii. shal or weare in any maner  
their apparayle, or vpon theyr harte, mule, or other beaste, any spike of the  
colour of purpure, ne any clothe of golde or syluer, but onely the hynge, the  
queene, the hynge's mother, the hynge's children, the hynge's brethren, and  
sisters, and the hynge's vncles and auncles, excepte that it shall be leful to  
all dukes and marquises to weare and vse in their doublettes and sleueles  
rotes, cloth of golde or syluer, and in none other their clementes, soo that  
the same to be worene by such dukes and marquises, excede not the price of  
half the yarde. Prouided that this worde purpure extend not to any man-  
tell of the order of the Garter.

And that no man, vnder the state of an erle, from the same feast, shal or  
weare in his apparell of his body, or vpon his harte, mule, or other beaste,  
or harness of the same beaste, any clothe of golde or syluer, or of fine red  
saten, or any other spike or cloth of any maner embroidered with golde or syluer  
nor also any furre of any colour: excepte that it shall be leful for vicontes, the  
prior of sayncte Iohns of Iherusalem, within this realme, and barons to  
weare in their doublettes or sleueles rotes, clothe of golde syluer or tinsel.

Also it is enacted, that no man, vnder the estate of a duke, marquise, erle  
and their children, or vnder the degree of a baron, onely he be a knyght,  
that is companion of the Garter, from the sayde feast weare in any parte  
of his apparell anye wollen clothe made out of this realme of Englande,  
Irelande, Wales, Calays, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, except in  
bonettes only. He also weare in any maner apparell of his body, or on his  
harte, mule, or other beaste, or harness of the same beaste, any velvet of the  
colours of crimelin, scarlet, or blew, ne any furre of blacke Venettes or  
luster, ne any maner embroidery. And that no man, onely he be a  
knyght



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And that no man, under the sayde seale, weare any colet of golde named a colet of a knight, or that no man, under the degree of a barons sonne, or of a knight, except he may expende yearly in landes or tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities to his owne use, for terme of his life, or for terme of an other mans life, or in the right of his wife, two hundred pounds over all charges, shall after the said seale, use or weare any chayne of golde, bracelet, curb, or other ornament of golde, in any part of his or their apparayle, or the apparayle of his or their horse, mule, or other beaste, excepte every such chayne, bracelet, curb, or ornament, be in weight one ounce of fine golde, or above. And except rings of golde to be borne on their fingers, with stones or with out. He also shall weare any manner of velvet in their gowmes, cotes with sleeves, or other bettermost garments, nor any furred of larders, nor also shall weare any manner embroidery, pricking or pointing with golde, silver, or other like in any part of their apparayle, or on their horses, mules, or other beastes.

And that no man, under the sayde estates and degrees, other then suche as may dispense in landes, and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesaid, a hundred pounds by yeare, over all charges, shall after the sayde seale weare any latten, damaske, silke, chaublet, or tafata, in his gowme, cote with sleeves, or other bettermost apparayle or garment, nor any manner of velvet, other wolle than in sleeves, jackets, doublets, coles, parties, or poyntes: Nor also shall weare any furre, wherof the lyke hynde groweth not within this realme of Englands, Irelande, Wales, Calceys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same: except lynes, genets, called gray genettes, and Bogg.

And that no man, under the sayde degrees, other than the sonne and heire apparant of a knight, or the sonne and heire apparant of a man of three hundred markes by yeare, over all charges, a suche other men as may dispense in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, annuities, or other yearly profits, as is aforesaid, shall by yeare, over all charges, from the said seale weare in their gowmes, or any other their bettermost apparayle, any chaublet, or silke. He also weare in any other part of their apparayle, any silke, other than latten, damaske, tafata, or larders in their doublets, and chaublets, chaublet, or tafata in lininge of their gowmes, and the same, or velvet in their sleeves, cotes, jackets, chaublets, coles, cappes, parties, or parties, the colours of that is, crimelin, and blew, and white except. Nor shall weare any furre of lynes or genettes, called gray genettes, nor any other furre, wherof the lyke hynde is not growen within this realme of Englands, Irelande, Wales, Calceys, Berwyke, or the marches of the same, except before excepte. He shall weare any manner aglettes, buttons, beades of golde or silver gilt, or counterfalte gilt, or made with any other device of any weight: Nor shall weare any chayne of golde of lesse weight and value than ten ounces of Troy weight of fine golde.

And that no man, under the sayde degrees, other than suche gentill men

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men, as may dispende in landes, tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesayde. xx. poundes by yere, ouer all charges, from and after the said feast, weare any manner of silke, in any apparayle of his bodie or of his horse, mule, or other beast, except it be taken, tawata, sarcenet, or damaske in his doublet or coyle, and chaumlet in his flanelle iackets, and a lace of silke for his bonet, or poppetes, laces, girdels, or garters made or brought in Englande, or Wales: Nor shall weare any furre of blacke Corie or Togy.

¶ And that no man vnder the said degree, other than suche as maye dispende in landes and tenementes, rentes, fees, or annuities, as is aforesaid, fine poundes by yere ouer all charges, from and after the said feast, weare any manner of clothe of the colours of scarlet, crimolene, or violet engarbed, nor any silke in their doublettes or iackettes, nor any other clothe in any garment aboue the price of fyve shyllinges. viii. pence the brode parde nor any other thing made out of this realme, except chaumlet in their doublettes and iackettes.

¶ And that no seruinge man, nor other yeman, takinge wages, or suche other, as he may not dispende of frechoide foure shyllinges by yere after the sayde feast shall weare any clothe in his hoses, aboue the price of thow shyllinges the parde, and that none of these hoses bee garded or mured with any other thinge, that may be seene on or through the vntre parte of these hoses, but with the selfe same clothe onely: nor in his gowne, cote, or iackette, or other garment, any clothe aboue the price of thre shyllinges foure pence the brode parde, excepte it be his maisters luerie, nor any manner furre, except cony, called gray cony, blacke lambe or white labe of Engg: the woolche, or Trypthe growynge: Nor shall weare any byrte or thier bande, vnder or vpper cappe, coyle, bonet, or hat, garnished, unste, made or brought with silke, golde, or silver: Nor shall weare any bonet or byrte bande, made or brought out of this realme of Englande, or Wales. Fleues thelesse it shall be lesfull for him to weare a silke ribande for his bonet, and also the cognizance or badge of his lord or master, and a borne tipped or fiewed with silver, gylte or vngylte: And also they and all other persons to weare on theyr bonettes all suche games of silver, gylte, or vngylte, as they or any of them may win by waiffing, shooting, ranning, leapping or culling of the barre, and also maisters of the shippes or other vessels and mariners to weare whillelles of silver, with the cheyne of silver to hang the same vpon, any former custome in this acte heretofore mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And that no husbande man, from the said feast, weare in his hoses any clothe aboue price of the parde. ii. shyllinges, or any clothe in his gowne or boue the price. iii. s. the brode parde, or in his iacket or cote aboue the price of ii. s. viii. pence the brode parde. Nor in his doublet any other thing than is brought within this realme, suchian and casuag onely excepted, nor any manner furre in any his apparayle.



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And that no serving man in husbandrie, or journey man in handie craftes, taking wages, after and from the feaste of ascensyde: weare in his ho-  
tes any clothe above the price of xliij. s. the parde, nor shal weare any clothe  
in his gowne, taker, or cote, above the price of ii. s. viij. d. the brade parde,  
nor in his doublet any other thinge than fullian, camias, or lether or wo-  
len clothe, nor any manner of furre in any of his apparayle.

¶ Provided also, that all suche officers and seruantes, waytyng or  
attending upon the kyng, the Queene, the prince or princes, dayly, yecely  
or quarterly in their houthouldes, or beinge in their elchequyre rolle, as shal  
be admitted, assigned, and licensed by his grace, to vse or weare any maner  
apparayle on their hodies, horses, mules, or other beastes, otherwyse than  
is afore exp<sup>re</sup>ssed, shal inowelaulfully do the same, according to the licen-  
ce whiche shal be geuen vnto them in that behalfe. The same licence to be  
declared in writinge by the hignes highnes or the lorde stewarde of his most  
honorable householde, or the lorde chamberleyn, knowyng the hignes most  
gracious pleasure in the same.

¶ Provided also that the vicechamberlayne, Stewarde, Treasourer, and  
Comptroller of the frenche quernes honorable householde, and every of  
them for the time being, after and from the sayde feast, may weare in their  
cottes, cotes, iackettes, doublettes, and other their apparayle, veluette,  
satten, and damaske, being of the colours of blacke, tawny, or russet; and  
also chermes, and broches of golde, of suche value as they shall at theyr li-  
bertye, this presente acte, or any thinge therein mentioned to the contrary  
not withstanding.

¶ Provided also, that the lorde Chancellour, and the lorde Treasourer of  
Englande, the president of the kynges countasse, and the lord priuy seale,  
for the time being, of what estate or degree so euer they bee, beydes those  
times, may weare in their apparayle veluette, satten, and other silkes of any  
coloure, except purple, and any maner furdres, excepte blacke genettest  
any thing in this acte mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ Be it further enacted, that after the sayde feast, none of the clergie, by  
her the dignitee of a bishoppe, abbote, or priour, bringe a lorde of the par-  
liament, weare in any parte of his or their apparayle of their hodies, or  
in their horses any maner of furre, brought or made out of this realme  
of Englande, Scotlande, Wales, Berwyke, or the marches of the  
same, excepte that it shal be lesell to all archdeacons, deanes, prebostres,  
archdeacons, and masters of cathedrall and collegiate churches, prebostres,  
bachelors, or bachelors in diuinitie, doctors of the one lawe or the  
other, and also doctors of other sciens, whiche have taken that degree  
to be admitted in any vniuersitee to weare iackett in the hyng of their  
hodies, blacke latten or blacke chamber in their doublettes and sleues  
cotes, and blacke veluette, or blacke tawny, or blacke satten, in their ty-  
pelles; and sponne hoodes or gypels, and also clothe of the colours of  
scarlet, purple, or violet, and furre, redde, gray, blacke, baye, fowen, blew  
lys,

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hens, or menueer in their gownes and sleues cotes, any thing before mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that none of the Clergie, under the degrees aforesaid, weare any maner of furre, other the blacke comp, budge, grey comp, shankes, calaber gray,liche, lore, lambe, otter, and better. And that none of the clergie under the degrees aforesaid, other than maisters of arte, and bachelers of the one lawe or the other, admitted in any vniuersiter or suche other of the laide clergie as may dispende yearly xx. flouer all charges, shal weare in their tippettes any maner of furre, or other like.

It is provided also, that this acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend nor be hurtfull or prouidiall to any the kinges moste honorable counsell: ne to Justices of the one bench or the other, the barons of the kinges echiquire, the maister of the rolles, seruantes at law, the maisters of the Chancerie, ne to any of the counsell of the queene, prince or prince, apprentices of the law, the kinges, the queenes, the princes, & the princesses physicians, mayres, recorders, aldermen, shuyffes, bailiffes elect, and aliother head officers of cities, townes, and boroughes corporat, wardens of occupations, the barons of the Exchequer, that is to say, to all the sayd officers and personnes, that now be, or heretofore haue bene in the same place, office or auctoritee, or hereafter for the time shall be, as well in the time as after that they haue bene in any suche place, office, or auctoritee, but that they shall moore at all times weare, after the sayd scale all suche apparadise in and vpon their bodies, horses, mules, and other beastes and also citezens, and burgesles, shall moore weare suche hoodes of clothe, and of such colours, as they haue heretofore used to weare: any thinge in this acte mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding, except that it shal not be lesfull to any of them to weare beluet, damaske, or luten of the colours of crimelin, violet, puerpore, or blew, otherwise than by the continuance of this acte, in any of the claudes before mentioned, is by reason of theyr landes or other wyle permitted, limited, or assigned.

It is also this acte or any thinge therein mentioned: shall extend to any balladours or other personages: sent from our worde princes, or to noble men, or other conynge into the kinges realme, or other parte of his obediencer, to visite, see, or salute his grace, or to se the countrei, and not minded to make longe or continual demour in the same, ne to any heauy man, horse, or puerchant at armes, minsters, places in enteludes, fighters, to uels, iudges, tournes, barriers, solempne watches, or other martiall scates or dignities, or to men of war, beyng in the kinges wages of warre, nor to any man, for wearyng any apparadise, giuen vnto him by the his highnes, the queene, the french queene, the prince or prince, ne to any souldier bearer of the cite of London, or of any cite, burgh, or towne corporate. It also shall extend to any other barreller of any of the times of countrei for wearyng in any his apparadise, suche as the same furre: as is before limited for men that may dispende in landes, tenementes, rentes,



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for 3 or annuities for terme of life. xx. li. ouer all charges, nor to any other student of the Times of the court of Chancery, or to any gentleman being seruant to any lord, knight, squier, or gentleman of this realme, whose mayster may dispense. xl. li. ouer all charges, for wearyng by suche student or gentleman beinge seruant, of doublettes and partlets of fustian, baynyske, or chauncet, or iachettes of chauncet: which doublettes, partlets, or iachettes be geuen vnto them by any of theyr parentes, maisters, or kynsofolkes, so alwaies they be not of the colours of crimisen, purpure, scarlet, or blew, or for wearyng of any furre, wherof the like groweth within this realme, Wales, or Yeland, martins and blake cony excepte.

¶ It is also further enacted, that if any man vse or wente, at anye time after the sayde scale, any apparayle, or other the premisses, contrary to the tenour and fourme aforesayde, than he so offendynge, shall forsaye the same apparayle, and other the premisses, so by him vled or mooued upon his person, horse, mule, or other beaste, wherewith so euer it be garnished embroyled, doubled, or mixed, or the value thereof: and also, iii. s. vii. d. in the name of a fyne for every day, that he shall so weare the same, contrary to the tenour and purpose of this acte. And that euery manne, that shall may lawfully sue for the same, by action of detinue, to be commenced within. x. daies next after the beginning of the terme, nexte ensuyng, after any such time and cause of forsayture so giuen: in the which action the defendauent shall not be suffered to wage his lawe, nor any esoyne or protection shall be to him allowed in that behalfe. The one halfe of the which forsayture and fyne shall be to the kynges highnes, and the other halfe to him or them, that shall sue for the same, in forme, and within the time before limited.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that it shall be lawful to the Justices of peace in their sessions, the shireffe in his Turne, the shwarde in any lete or lawday, the aldermen in their wardes, and to all other persons hauyng auctoritie to enquire of bloodshed and rapes, to enquire of euery of the said offences and forsaytures, and the parties offending against this statute, and so presented, shall make fine in maner and forme, and after the rate aforesayde.

¶ Ouer this it is enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayd that all other actes made for reformation of excelle in apparayle or array, at any time before this present parliament, and all and singular articles, prouision, forsaytures, and penalties, mentioned in the sayd former actes or any of them, be from hence forth utterly voyde, expelled, extincte, and of none effecte: And all transgressions, offences, sommes of money, penalties, and forsaytures for any thing done contrary to the sayde former actes, or any of them, before this time made for reformation of excelle in apparayle, be clerely committed, pardoned, & released, and the offenders in that behalfe, and euery of them to be thereof discharged, and acquitted for ever.

¶ Provided alwaies, that this acte, nor any thing therein conteyned, be hurt-

hurtfull or prejudiciall to any spiritual or temporall persons, in and for the wearing any ornamentes of the church, viced by excoꝛpunge diuine seruice, or for wearing their amice, mantles, habites, or garmentes of religion, or other thinges, whiche they be viced or bounde vnto by their coꝛmes, or promotions, or religions, ne also to any graduates, beaueles, or ministers to the graduates in vniuersities and scoules, for wearinge of their habites or hoodes, with fures, linges, or other wyle, after suche forme as heretofore they haue ben accustomed to do, any thinge in this presente act, made to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ Provided also that this acte, nor any thinge therein conteyned, be prejudiciall or hurtfull to any person or persones, for wearinge of any linnen clothe, made or brought out of this realme, or other parties of the hynged obediensce, ne to any person, beynge of the degree of a gentelman, for wearinge of any surte made, brought or embroued with threde and silke, ne, so the same worke, or embrouery be made within this realme of england, Wales, Calais, Berghes, or the marches.

GOD SAVE THE  
KYNGE.

